

## *Roland 'Rusty' Tullis, 60*

Roland 'Rusty' Tullis, 60, Groton, died Sunday, Oct. 4, 1998 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen, of natural causes. His funeral will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1998 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, with the Rev. Steve Swenson officiating.

Burial will be in Groton Union Cemetery, with military rites by the Groton American Legion Post No. 39. Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, is in charge of arrangements. A prayer service was held Tuesday at the chapel.

Roland Ralph Tullis was born June 27, 1938 to Albert and Lillian (Hoops) Tullis on his grandparents' farm near Ferney. He attended rural schools at the Joan of Arc School in Henry Township and graduated from Groton High School in 1956. He then attended Northern State College, Aberdeen, and worked for South Dakota Wheat Growers, Bath.

He married Sandra Neff, June 18, 1961 at Groton. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Germany. After his discharge, he returned to Groton and worked at the Ferney Farmers Elevator. He also drove school bus for the Groton School District. He farmed with his brother for a while. At the time of his death, he worked at Dependable Sanitation, Aberdeen.

He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. He was one of the first members of the Groton Rescue Squad, which he served on until his health failed. He was a chain gang member for the Groton football team for more than 20 years and received a certificate of recognition from the South Dakota State Athletic Association for his dedication.

He loved to tinker with old cars and read.

He is survived by his wife, Groton; two sons, Kevin (Lana) Tullis, Lee's Summit, Mo., and Kerry Tullis, Aberdeen; three daughters, Kristine Tullis, Groton, Kimberly (Ben) Yarborough, Washougal, Wash., and Mollie Tullis, Brookings; his mother, Groton; two brothers, Delwin Tullis, Groton, and Gregory (Nancy) Tullis, Moorhead, Minn.; one sister, Janet (Edward) Neff, Claremont, and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Casketbearers will be David Anderson, Trent Anderson, Mike Erickson, Dennis A. Larson, Bert Martin and Mike Schmitz.